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Modified scheme of elementary education.

* 165 Q.—Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the South Indian Estates' Labour Union or any other public organization requesting the Government to re-introduce the modified scheme of elementary education in any area of the State;

(b) if so, the nature of the representation made; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Nilambur-Kovilagam Forests in Malabar.

* 166 Q.—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to take over the private forests in Nilambur belonging to Nilambur-Kovilagam in Malabar district;

(b) if so, when the proposal will be implemented; and

(c) whether the Government have any similar proposal to take over any other private forests in Malabar district?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (a), (b) & (c) The Government have under consideration the question of taking over the control of the Nilambur Kovilagam forests and some other private forests in Malabar district."

Construction of a dam across the Chittari River at Mukkund, South Kanara.

* 167 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have examined the proposal to construct a dam to the Chittari River at Mukkund in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, to prevent entry of salt water?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" No."

Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" There are about 200 acres of paddy lands affected by salt water entering the fields. Will the Government please investigate the matter and put up a dam?"

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" It is under investigation. The investigation is in a very rudimentary stage but no representations have been made so far in the matter. So, nothing can be said about the usefulness of the scheme now."